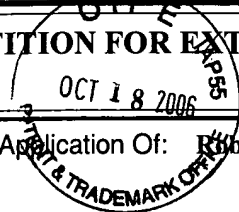

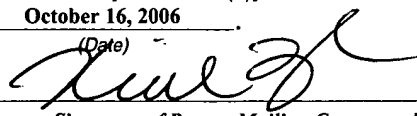


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<div style="text-align: center;">PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Small Entity)</div> <div style="text-align: center;"></div>					Docket No. 17530	
In Re Application Of: Robert James, et al.						
Application No. 10/800,322	Filing Date March 12, 2004	Examiner Jennifer S. Wong	Customer No. 23389	Group Art Unit 1634	Confirmation No. 2289	
Invention: NUCLEIC ACID MARKERS FOR USE IN DETERMINING PREDISPOSITION TO NEOPLASM AND/OR ADENOMA						
<u>COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u>						
This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of <u>April 14, 2006</u> in the above-identified application. <div style="text-align: center;"><small>Date</small></div>						
The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired): <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"><input type="checkbox"/> One month<input type="checkbox"/> Two months<input type="checkbox"/> Three months<input type="checkbox"/> Four months<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Five months</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"><div>from: <u>May 14, 2006</u> <div style="text-align: center;"><small>Date</small></div></div><div>until: <u>October 14, 2006 (Saturday)</u> <div style="text-align: center;"><small>Date</small></div></div></div>						
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27						
The fee for the extension of time is \$1,080 and is to be paid as follows: <div style="margin-top: 5px;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.</div> <div style="margin-top: 5px;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-1013/SSMP</div> <div style="margin-top: 5px;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 19-1013/SSMP</div> <div style="margin-top: 5px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.</div>						
WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.						
<div style="text-align: center;"> <small>Signature</small></div> <div>Xiaochun Zhu Registration No. 56,311 Scully, Scott, Murphy & Presser, P.C. 400 Garden City Plaza-STE 300 Garden City, New York 11530 (516) 742-4343</div>			<div style="text-align: right;">Dated: October 16, 2006</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"><div style="font-size: small;">I certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the "Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450" [37 CFR 1.8(a)] on <div style="text-align: center;">October 16, 2006 <small>(Date)</small></div><div style="text-align: center;"> <small>Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence</small></div><div style="text-align: center;">Xiaochun Zhu <small>Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Correspondence</small></div></div></div>			
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